IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 7247M

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Transmitted herewith is an RESPONSE/AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): DOUGLAS J. DOBROZSI

Serial No.: 09/361,542

Group Art Unit: 1615

Date Filed: July 27, 1999

Examiner: A. Pulliam

Title: ORAL LIQUID MUCOADHESIVE COMPOSITIONS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 8, 2000, please consider the following remarks. The Commissioner is authorized to enter the following amendments and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. Applicant, however, believes that no fee is due.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 13-23, 25, 27 and 29.

Please amend the following claim:

Claim 1 (amended). A [per oral or oral,] mucore tentive, aqueous liquid, pharmaceutical composition in oral dosage form comprising.

- (a) from about 2% to about 50%, by weight of the composition, of colloidal particles of silica;
- (b) a safe and effective amount of a pharmaceutical active selected from the group consisting of gastrointestinal agents, analgesics, decongestants, expectorants,

